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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY - PACIFIC PEOPLES THEATRE

- FESTIVAL IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE  
- CHILD

1. LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN NORMAN Y. MINETA OF CALIFORNIA DATED JUNE 28 REACHED ME JULY 17. HE INFORMED ME THAT THE PACIFIC PEOPLES THEATRE FESTIVAL HAD INVITED THEATRE TROUPS AND ARTISTS FROM UNITED NATIONS MEMBER COUNTRIES WITHIN THE PACIFIC BASIN TO PARTICIPATE IN A CULTURAL FESTCAL AS THE INAUGURAL EVENT IN SUPPORT OF THE UN'S INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD. FESTIVAL TO TAKE PLACE IN SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, FROM AUGUST 18 TO 28. PACIFIC PEOPLES THEATRE FESTIVAL SUPPORTED BY THE UN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL, THE CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL, AND THE CITY OF SAN JOSE. CONGRESSMAN MINETA ASKED ME TO ASCERTAIN RESPONSE OF THE ARTS COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND (CATHERINE LOMAS, ADVISORY OFFICE) TO FESTIVAL'S INVITATION. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO CONGRESSMAN MINETA'S OFFICE FOR REPLY TO FESTIVAL'S ORGANIZERS.

2. MS. LOMAS INFORMS EMBASSY THAT N.Z. ARTS COUNCIL HAS RECEIVED FESTIVAL'S INVITATION, BUT HAS NO FUNDS AVAILABLE TO SEND GROUP TO CALIFORNIA. COUNCIL HAS BEEN TRYING TO OBTAIN FUNDS FROM OTHER AGENCIES OF THE GNZ BUT HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE. FYI: I WOULD ESTI-  
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MATE THAT COUNCIL IS NOT HOPEFUL IT WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVAL. END FYI. MR. LOMAS KNOWS THAT TIME IS SHORT AND WILL ADVISE ME WHEN A DECISION IS REACHED.

3. BY CHANCE, A MAORI CULTURAL GROUP LEFT NEW ZEALAND JULY 17 FOR A SIX-WEEK PRIVATELY ORGANIZED TOUR THAT

WILL INCLUDE LOS ANGELES. GROUP IS MANAGED BY MR. K.  
GARTNER AND WILL BE PRESENTING ITS PROGRAM AT THE  
COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN EDMONTON SHORTLY. IT IS POSSIBLE  
THAT THE SAN JOSE FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS MIGHT BE ABLE TO  
MAKE SOME ARRANGEMENTS WITH THIS GROUP. SELDEN

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